Loan from IBRD, IMF, etc. by Public Sector Corporations

734. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the public sector corporations which have sought loan and have already received the same from the International financial institutions like IBRD, IMF, etc.; and

(b) what are the details of the amount of loans thus received by the said public sector corporations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The International Monetary Fund does not extend project-tied loans Details of assistance currently being received by public sector corporations from the World Bank Group (International Bank for Reconstruction & Development and International Development Association) are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 37]

East Pakistani refugees in India

735. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of East Pakistani (now Bangladesh) refugees who had migrated to India;

(b) what is the number of applications pending with the Custodian of Enemy Property for India from East Pakistani refugees claiming compensation;

(c) how many claim papers have been varified;

(d) whether full amount of verified claims has been paid to the applicants whose cases have been finalised;

(e) if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(f) whether Government are taking steps to ensure that full compensation amount to the claimants is paid; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) 52.31 lakhs displaced persons migrated to India from former East Pakistan upto 25-3-1971.

(b) and (c) 57,493 claims were registered with the Custodian of Enemy Property, out of which 11,671 claims cases remain to be processed. 24,163 claim cases have been disposed so far. 21,659 claims have been treated as dormant.

(d) to (f) Ministry of Commerce administers payment of ex-gratia grant to Indian nationals|companies whose assets were seized by the Government of Pakistan during Indo-Pak conflict of 1965 and who registered their claims with the Custodian of Enemy Property within the stipulated date i.e. 31-7-1977. The relief is given in the form of ex-gratia grant from the Consolidated Fund of India at the rate of 25 per cent of the verified value of claims. No further payment in addition to 25 per cent of the verified claims is envisaged under ex-gratia scheme.

Excise duty on glass containers

736. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the glass containers are reusable;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping the excise duty on glass containers so much higher than tin containers;

(c) what is the import component of glass containers as compared to the import component for tin containers; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to bring down the excise rate of glass containers to that of the tin containers?